

Union Calendar No. 300

109TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 5611

[Report No. 109-536]

To provide for the establishment of a partnership between the Secretary of Energy and appropriate industry groups for the creation of a transportation fuel conservation education campaign, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 14, 2006

Mr. CONAWAY (for himself, Mr. UPTON, Mr. HALL, Mr. TOWNS, and Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

JUNE 28, 2006

Additional sponsors: Mr. ROGERS of Michigan, Mr. FOSSELLA, Mr. BASS, Mr. WHITFIELD, Mr. SESSIONS, and Mr. DOOLITTLE

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[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in *italic*]

A BILL

To provide for the establishment of a partnership between the Secretary of Energy and appropriate industry groups for the creation of a transportation fuel conservation education campaign, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited at the “Fuel Consumption
5 Education Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 The Congress finds that—

8 (1) today’s gasoline prices are taking a severe
9 toll on the pocketbooks of all Americans and are
10 nearing a level of national emergency;

11 (2) a large number of factors contribute to the
12 price of gasoline, including worldwide demand for
13 crude oil, taxes, international conflicts, regional sup-
14 ply chains, environmental regulations, and refining
15 capacity;

16 (3) individuals can take steps to address rising
17 demand by using a few simple gas saving tips; and

18 (4) increased driving efficiency will lower the
19 demand for gasoline and thereby lower prices in the
20 short term.

21 **SEC. 3. PARTNERSHIP.**

22 (a) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—The Secretary of Energy
23 shall enter into a partnership with interested industry
24 groups, including groups from the automotive, gasoline re-
25 fining, and oil industries, to create a public education cam-

1 paign that provides information to United States drivers
2 about immediate measures that may be taken to conserve
3 transportation fuel. This public-private partnership shall
4 include a five member advisory board, to be chaired by
5 the Secretary or his designee, which shall include rep-
6 resentatives from the Department of Energy, the oil in-
7 dustry, the automotive industry, and the Congress, to be
8 appointed by the Secretary. The Secretary shall appoint
9 the advisory board not later than 30 days after the date
10 of enactment of this Act.

11 (b) ACCESSIBILITY.—The public information cam-
12 paign under this section shall be targeted to reach the
13 widest audience possible. The education campaign shall in-
14 clude television, print, Internet website, or any other
15 method designed to maximize the dissemination of trans-
16 portation fuel savings information to drivers.

17 (c) COST SHARING.—The Secretary shall provide no
18 more than 50 percent of the cost of the campaign created
19 under this section.

20 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
21 are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary
22 \$10,000,000 for carrying out this section.

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24 *This Act may be cited as the “Fuel Consumption Edu-*
25 *cation Act”.*

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23 *portation fuel. This public-private partnership shall include*
24 *a five member advisory board, to be chaired by the Sec-*
25 *retary or his designee, which shall include representatives*
26 *from the Department of Energy, the oil industry, the auto-*

1 *motive industry, and the Congress, to be appointed by the*
2 *Secretary. The Secretary shall appoint the advisory board*
3 *not later than 30 days after the date of enactment of this*
4 *Act.*

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12 *more than 50 percent of the cost of the campaign created*
13 *under this section.*

14 (d) *AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are*
15 *authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary \$10,000,000*
16 *for carrying out this section.*

17 **SEC. 4. PARTNERSHIP ON FUEL SUPPLY FOR EVACUATIONS.**

18 (a) *ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of Energy shall*
19 *enter into a partnership with interested industry groups*
20 *and State and local governments, including groups from the*
21 *gasoline refining and marketing industries, to create an*
22 *education campaign that provides information to the State*
23 *and local governments and the private sector about best*
24 *practices to ensure adequate fuel supplies during emergency*
25 *evacuations. This public-private partnership shall include*

1 *a five member advisory board, to be chaired by the Sec-*
2 *retary or his designee, which shall include representatives*
3 *from the Department of Energy, the gasoline refining in-*
4 *dustry, the gasoline marketing industry, a State govern-*
5 *ment, and a unit of local government. The Secretary shall*
6 *appoint the advisory board not later than 30 days after*
7 *the date of enactment of this Act.*

8 **(b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—*There are*
9 *authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary \$3,000,000*
10 *for carrying out this section.*

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